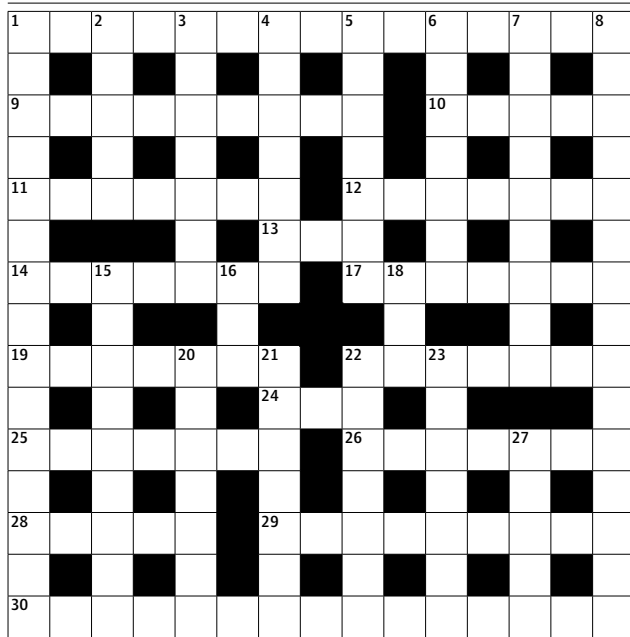


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,851 set by Puck

Across

- 1 Salutation, first thing in funny little new poem for tonight (3,2,3,7)
- 9 Dismal-looking dog can half-heartedly feel otherwise (4-5)
- 10 Spaniard has to pass over square to get money from bank (5)
- 11 Start off from parking places in spacious area next to the A1? (7)
- 12 Nick died a vegetable (7)
- 13 Second person involved in family outing (3)
- 14 Jellyfish assumed to be wobbly (7)
- 17 Blow up silver balloon at last – before I start to faint, in my case (7)
- 19 Lays out dead writer before dirge singing starts (7)
- 22 Contralto's last bit is the lower part of two (7)
- 24 See 16
- 25 Island hill dweller keen on the radio (7)
- 26 De la Mare: "Not a Rolling Stone" (7)
- 28 Came to wonder about endorsement (5)
- 29 Royal to snap, giving rise to invective (9)
- 30 Drinking session to make Scrabble player's day? Just the opposite (5,2,3,5)

Down

- 1 Spoilt a meal tweeting about one lost song (4,2,4,5)
- 2 Humming end of song through a small glass (5)
- 3 Period furniture initially provided with ribbons? (7)
- 4 Reminders that you were kissed by a country bumpkin? Yes, maddeningly (7)
- 5 Small amount of poetry written in silence (7)
- 6 Fal de rol's first bit ruined good song (3,4)
- 7 Bum note? Aria ended prematurely – it bears repetition (9)
- 8 "Hello Huey! Hi Dewey! – miserable weather!" (4,3,3,5)
- 15 Hot strip after swim for two thirds of 13 (16 24!) (9)
- 16,24 A new vessel? I should think so, indeed! (3,3)
- 18 Unit of army's top soldiers (3)
- 20 Carelessness sees golfer regularly caught in trap (7)
- 21 Increase pitch of instrument in three different ways (7)
- 22 Boy entertained by smart and stylish country folk (7)
- 23 Live together peacefully, without one in charge (7)
- 27 "Phone add-on a pound" shock (5)

Solution No. 25,850

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